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## LABOR'S NON-PARTISAN THEORY NOW ACCEPTED BY EVERY GROUP

The American Federation of Labor started the fight for non-partisanship in politics and now almost everyone favors it. Since 1881 organized labor has stood its ground for this theory. It has attempted nothing but the most honest opposition. As a result all of the latter opponents have disappeared—they have accepted the non-partisan idea.

In the last several months non-partisanship has made its greatest stride.

Even in the United States senate a group from agricultural states organized a farm bloc, which has repeatedly kicked holes in the legislation of their respective parties.

The growth of non-partisanship is also indicated by the increasing opposition of politicians to the primary system.

Political independence is a menace to party machines. It destroys the loyalty to political parties and the loyalty of the voters to the party system. It permits him to exercise his independence.

The politician and the agent for privilege oppose the primary system. They would return to the convention system, where delegates can be delivered as needed.

Party discipline has lost its force and politicians are at their wits' end to re-establish the power of the party whip.

They insist that the primary system is the cause of the party system, though there is nothing in the history of the federal constitutional convention to warrant this claim.

Men no longer talk of "party loyalty." This does not fit in when they ride themselves on their political independence.

Under these conditions the trade union movement enters this year's primaries and elections with a distinct advantage over former years. Today labor does not have to explain or defend its non-partisanship. No one now doubts its right to be non-partisan.

The time is ripe for organized labor to join hands with other forward-looking citizens and defeat the agents of reaction, privilege and greed.

Organize now for the primaries. Don't overlook this strategic point. The primaries are where the foundation for ship subsidies, sales taxes, anti-labor and other wicked proposals are laid.

The primaries offer a real reason for a minimum of effort. Where primaries have been held start now for the fall elections.

The independent voters of this country have within their power to retire from office every foe of American ideals.

The trade union movement is the high ground which a non-partisan committee linked up with similar organizations appointed by city, state and state federations, and all linked up with the A. F. of L. national non-partisan committee.

The course of every trade union is clearly charted. He is not confused as to the best methods to resist aggression and greed. The times are with him. His political policy is being effectively used by others.

## RAIL LABOR BOARD PLAYED BY GOMERS

Chicago, April 15.—The railroad labor board was raked over and over by President Goetz, who addressed to the convention of the W. F. of L. railway employees' delegates.

The board was denounced for its policies that have established it as a tool of the management. The most recent decision to raise the rate of the trade union was made in the hands of the management.

North Arkansas case wherein he had ordered an additional 50 percent wage decrease for all employees on the ground that "if this request is not granted the carrier must close its doors."

No government board ever made such a backward-looking decision. "In the hands of the management," financiers have looted the Missouri, North Arkansas, which has been in the hands of a receiver for the past 10 years.

The board's decision is a notice to the carriers and the unions that when they wreck a railroad they can come to the railroad labor board and secure a receiver to permit them to regain their losses. If they tell the board that the rate must be scrapped, the request is denied.

If this vicious policy is to stand, the living standards of railroad employees will be further depressed. The board will be a "Wall Street gambler and railroad lobbyist."

## ELECTRIC PROFITS UP

New York, April 15.—The General Electric company report a profit of \$25,155,000 last year, or against \$24,420,000 the previous year.

The company provided for all its outstanding obligations, including 10 percent dividend on \$10,000,000 of stock and an additional 4 percent dividend on \$4,000,000 of stock.

## FRANK GERHARD PASSES ON

New York, April 15.—Frank Gerhardt, 49 years ago, was killed by a train while working on the Erie Railroad. He was a well-known labor leader and a member of the International Union of Marine Workers.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1922.

## FEDERAL EMPLOYEES OUSTED DESPITE CLEAR STATED LAW

Washington, April 15.—The unprecedented dismissal of 48 employees of the bureau of engraving and printing by President Harding is being vigorously contested by the National Federation of Federal Employees.

The law provides that a government employee in the classified list can not be dismissed without charges being preferred against him, the employee being given a copy of the charges and allowed a reasonable time to answer same.

These provisions of the civil service law were all ignored by the president who notified the employees that their dismissal was effective immediately. The employees are now on strike.

"I believe it was not for the civil service we could get along with the law and the president," said Mr. McCall, secretary of the Women's union of the bureau of printing and engraving.

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## "NECESSITIES" FOR THE MINER BUT "RIGHTS" FOR THE DOLLAR

New York, April 15.—Thomas H. Watkins, president of the Pennsylvania coal coke company, and spokesman for a group of coal owners in central Pennsylvania, makes this comment on the miners' strike:

"I believe a new industrial era will grow out of this present crisis. It is necessary to the necessities of the miner, but the rights of the investor and the consumer must be equally well safeguarded."

It will be noticed that this coal owner talks of "necessities" for the man who digs coal, and "rights" of the man who only risks his dollar.

There is no reference to "rights" as far as the miners are concerned. Their "necessities" is the one thing to be considered—how much they need to be physically fit and mentally alert when they risk their lives every day to dig coal for the profit of the investor and the convenience of the consumer?

Mr. Watkins' philosophy is as old as history. It has been—and is—the basis of every tyranny and every wrong. Yet the public is informed that this slave theory will be the basis for "a new industrial era."

## MINING COAL NOT EASY TASK; SKILL OF HIGH ORDER NEEDED

Washington, April 15.—"You can not take a man from the farm today and put him into a mine and expect him to do the work of the floor of the house."

There is a great deal of truth in this. It is a highly important business and very hazardous. A man has to know something of the conditions of mining and of the mine; he has to know something of electricity; he has to know something of the air and coal formation. He must be able to read a map and not be lost. He has to be able to take the tracks; he must be able to timber the roof of the mine. It takes a man years to learn to be an efficient miner.

There is no person who personally mining mines in my district, and in a few days I will be in the mine. I will be in the mine. I will be in the mine.

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## CAN WAR COUGERS ESCAPE BY CRYING: "LESS WAGES?"

Washington, April 15.—Is the great problem? How many cotton bolls are necessary every year for a working girl? To be replaced by this cry: "When will the grafting war contractors and influential elements who shelled them be punished?"

Congressman Woodruff, a world war veteran, who is a war grifter punished, and has introduced a resolution providing for the creation of a committee to investigate all war contracts.

He shows that if clerks in the war department have audited 15,000 of the 17,000 war contracts and has secured information upon which to base suits for the recovery of \$45,000,000. The audited contracts do not include the larger war contracts.

In his speech urging the adoption of his resolution Congressman Woodruff made some astounding assertions and presented documentary evidence of monumental graft.

It was shown that during the 12 months of war with Germany the war department had received 100,000 for signal corps and aviation purposes, but not one battle plane and not one bomber plane. All of the American manufacturers, either American or foreign, were placed upon the blacklist before Congress today to start the nation on a new war.

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